

CANADA.

" Department of Justice,

" Ottawa, 31st January, 1873.

"The undersigned has the honour to report, that the agreement between the Government and Sir Hugh Allan and his associates, for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which was accepted by the Order in Council of this day's date, has been duly executed by them. He therefore recommends that a Charter under the Great Seal be granted to such persons, pursuant to the 15th clause of the Statute 35 Victoria, cap. 71.

" JOHN A. MACDONALD."

" COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, dated 31st January, 1873, and approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council on the 5th February following.

"The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them the Report of the Honourable Minister of Justice of this date, stating that the agreement mentioned in the Order in Council of this day's date, for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, by Sir Hugh Allan; the Honourable Adams George Archibald; the Honourable Joseph Octave Beaubien; Jean Baptiste Beaudry, Esq.; Egerton Ryerson Burpee, Esq.; Frederic William Cumberland, Esq.; Sandford Fleming, Esq.; Robert Newton Hall, Esq.; the Honourable John Sebastian Helmcken; Andrew McDermot, Esq.; Donald McInnes, Esq.; Walter Shanly, Esq.; and John Walker, Esq.; has been duly executed by them. The Committee therefore recommend that your Excellency do order that a Charter be granted to such persons under the Great Seal of the Dominion, pursuant to the 15th clause of the Act 35 Vict., cap. 71.

" Certified,

" W. A. HIMSWORTH,

" Clerk, Privy Council."

" Department of Secretary of State,

" Ottawa, 14th February, 1873.

" SIR,

" I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Charter of 'The Canadian and Pacific Railway Company,' the receipt of which you will be good enough to cause to be acknowledged.

" I have, &c.,

" Sir Hugh Allan, &c., &c., &c., Montreal."

(Signed) " E. PARENT, U.S.S.

" SIR,

" Montreal, 17th February, 1873.

" I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 14th instant, accompanied with the Charter of the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

" I have, &c.,

(Signed) " HUGH ALLAN.

" E. Parent, Esq., Under-Secretary of State, Ottawa."

" Office of the Interoceanic Railway Company of Canada,

" Toronto, 20th of June, 1872.

" SIR,

" I have the honour to inform you, that the Interoceanic Railway Company of Canada was this day organized provisionally by election of myself as President, Mr. Charles H. Fairweather as Vice-president, and Mr. John Hague as Secretary.

" I shall feel obliged by your informing me when the Government will be prepared to negotiate with this Company, in respect to the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, authorized by Parliament last Session.

" I have, &c.,

(Signed) " D. L. MACPHERSON,

" President of Board of Provisional Directors.

" To the Honourable

" The Secretary of State for Canada, Ottawa."